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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

OF THE  
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Coosa River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

ALPINE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Alpine, Alabama,

September 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 1875

## OFFICERS:

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GRAVES RENNROE, Talladega	Clerk.
JAS. K. ELLIOTT, Pleasant Grove	Treasurer.



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**Education.**  
**W. WILKES,**  
**D. B. ODEN,**  
**HUGH DARBY, Jr.**

To save time, trouble and expense, the Centennial Committees—because of extreme length—appear but once in Minutes; they are omitted here and inserted elsewhere.

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# MINUTES.

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ALPINE BAPTIST CHURCH, Alpine, Ala., Sept. 19th, 1875.

THE COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met in its Forty Second Annual Session, with the above named church at 11, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, D. D.—Text, Math. 5, 14—Theme: "Ye are the light of the world." After which an hour's intermission was allowed for dinner.

1 P. M. Association assembled—devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. T. Smyth—prayer by Rev. N. A. Bailey, of Talladega. The Rev. E. T. Smyth, Moderator last annual session of the Association, called the present meeting to order and proceeded with business. The letters from churches were presented, read by Maj. Abner Williams and Capt. Jas. Crook, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*Cold Water*—A. B. Hill, R. P. Heaton.

*Sulphur Springs*—J. Y. Henderson, J. B. Ingram.

*Antioch*—S. G. Jenkins.

*Salem*—W. C. Mynatt, J. B. Mynatt.

*Oxford*—E. T. Smyth, T. P. Gwin, Abner Williams, S. C. Kelly, B. Dudley Williams, A. B. Goodhue.

*Jacksonville*—G. B. Douthit, S. W. Crook, Jas. Crook.

*Mt. Zion*, (Calhoun county)—W. S. Griffin, A. W. Ledbetter, J. L. Green, Jno. M. Crook.

*Oak Bowery*—E. V. Weaver, Chas. Martin, Wm. York.

*Cane Creek*—Wm. Hogan.

*Munford*—M. H. Hansard, W. D. Wright, A. W. McCain.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*Blue Eye*—Jos. Embry.

*Talladega*—J. J. D. Renfroë, L. W. Lawler, W. R. Stone, Graves Renfroë.

*Ferryville*—R. M. Perry, J. D. Truss.

*Refuge*—T. R. Burns, E. M. Gray.

*Pleasant Grove*—J. K. Elliott, E. H. Ogletree. T. F. Elliott, D. Hawthorne, Walter Gover.

*Alpine*—S. Henderson, Jas. Thompson, W. T. Webb, Phillip Duncan, Lafayette Wilson.

*Hephzibah*—C. R. Cross, J. M. Mills, Jas. Hitt. Wm. Hawkins, F. G. Mullen.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

*Fort Williams*—W. Wilkes, G. S. Ham.

*Tallasahatchie*—H. D. Moore, G. S. Glazener, Jas. M. Sherrill, W. F. Burke, Wm. Edwards.

*Childersburg*—D. B. Oden, Thos. Coleman, Hinion Thomas.

*Mt. Zion*, (Talladega county)—B. M. Fluker, W. H. Malone, H. G. Darby.

*Rocky Mount*—T. R. Morriss, Jno. Owens, T. W. Barnett, Robt. Leach.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*Shiloh*—Jno. Ledbetter, M. Rowe, J. S. Roberts.

*Big Spring*—E. V. Caldwell, T. J. Martin, F. S. Moore, J. P. Fluker.

*Spring Creek*—W. W. Kidd.

*Macedonia*—A. M. Posey, F. M. Grissam, A. F. Clinkscales.

*Coosa Valley*—Paul Castlebury, J. J. Willingham.

Special prayer was offered for churches, conducted by Bro. Watson, of Randolph. The Moderator announced the next business in order would be the election of officers of the Association for the ensuing year; Whereupon brethren Watson, of Randolph and Hudson, of Selma, were appointed tellers, to supervise the election of officers. The Time intervening was pleasantly spent in listening to excellent music from the choir of the Alpine church. The tellers reported, "that Bro. S. Henderson had been elected Moderator of the Association, Graves Renfroë, Clerk, and J. K. Elliott, Treasurer.

Dr. Henderson in a thrilling speech accepted the honor conferred, and at the same time welcomed, cordially, the delegates to the hospitality of the Alpine church.

Called for rules of decorum.

Called for churches desiring to unite with the Association, when Mt. Sharon church presented petition, which was referred to a special Committee consisting of brethren D. B. Oden, B. M. Fluker, A. Williams, C. R. Cross, and J. L. Green.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to seats and permission extended to participate in deliberations. Dr. Tichenor was recognized as President of *Agricultural and Mechanical* College, located at Auburn, Ala. Dr. Renfroe, as General Agent Centennial work in this State and President State Sunday-school Board, located at Talladega; Rev. D. G. Lyon, of Marion, representative *Alabama Baptist*; Rev. Messrs. J. C. Wright, J. A. Collins, N. A. Bailey, and H. C. Taul, ministers; Maj. James Headen connected with associational boards: Messrs. Hudson, of Selma, Faulkner, of Montgomery, and Judge H. W. Watson, of Randolph.

The following Committee was appointed on preaching: W. R. Stone, C. R. Cross, A. M. Posey, in conjunction with pastor and deacons of Alpine church.

On motion Dr. Henderson, (brother Smyth in the chair) a select Committee was appointed to arrange programme for Centennial work in this Association with instructions to report to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 A. M.; Committee as follows: S. Henderson, Chairman, W. Wilkes, Jas. Crook, Jas. E. Welch, and L. W. Lawler.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday 9, A. M. Prayer by Rev. S. G. Jenkins.

#### SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Association assembled—Religious exercises conducted by the Moderator—Prayer by Rev. T. P. Gwin.

On motion brother A. Williams, a Committee of three was appointed on Finance; Committee, A. Williams, J. M. Crook and D. B. Oden, of which the former was Chairman.



On motion brother Smyth, our constitution was so amended as to admit delegates upon the following basis: Each church of fifty members or less shall have three delegates, and one delegate for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

Correspondents from adjoining Associations called for and the following brethren were received and welcomed by the Moderator: Brother Allen, from the Boiling Springs Association, brother Taul, from the Central, and brother J. A. Collins, from the Cahawba Valley.

On motion brother Jenkins, Correspondents returned to the *Boiling Springs*, S. G. Jenkins, E. T. Smyth, and T. P. Gwin.

*Cary*, S. G. Jenkins, Judge Henderson, J. B. Merriam and Graves Renfro.

*Cahawba Valley*, W. T. Webb, Paul Castlebury, J. D. Truss, R. M. Perry, W. W. Kidd, A. M. Posey, and Graves Renfro.

*Tennessee Island and Tallasahatchie*, S. G. Jenkins, E. T. Smyth, Dudley Williams, S. C. Kelley, W. D. Wright, A. B. Hill, and James Headen.

*Central*, S. Henderson, C. R. Cross, R. M. Perry, W. Wilkes, and Jo. Sawyer.

Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to be held in Montgomery, 14th July, 1876.

W. Wilkes, S. Henderson, E. T. Smyth, S. G. Jenkins, W. C. Mynatt, J. B. Mynatt, C. R. Cross, T. P. Gwin, Jo. Sawyer, also, any member of this Association being present at the State Convention is authorized to represent it.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved; this was purposefully delayed until a late hour to await the arrival of delegates.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through its Chairman, Jas. Crook, and after remarks by brethren Renfro, Wilkes, Crook, Headen, Tichenor, and amendment, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As a test to christian fidelity, as a rebuke to pharisaical hypocrisy and deceit, and as the true criterion of apostolic sincerity, our Savior on more than one occasion, while on earth, declared that love for Him consisted in, and was attested by, obedience to His commandments, and conformity to His will. This

was the touchstone of christian integrity, and the living vitalizing principle of His spiritual kingdom on earth. Full of love, abounding in mercy, and moved by a philanthropy that compassed the whole world, the sole and absorbing desire of His great compassionate heart, was the salvation of all who would believe on Him, actuated by a love so pure, by a motive so holy, His will was never more truly nor more forcibly reflected than in the last grand commission given to man, to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

In the wisdom of a merciful providence, we have been made the beneficiaries of a gospel dispensation, and in accepting the terms of salvation, have solemnly pledged ourselves by the most sacred obligations, to herald "the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God" to those whose hearts have never been touched by divine love, and who ignorant of the glorious plan of redemption, still worship at the shrine of their "Baals and Ashtaraths." If we could now justify a disregard of these christian obligations upon any reasonable hypotheses, could we be so lost to gratitude, the ennobling principle of man's nature, as to enjoy these inestimable gospel privileges which afford our chief consolation in time and only hope in eternity, as to wrap ourselves in the cloak of self sufficiency and say in our heart of hearts that the salvation of the heathen is of no concern to us? When our Lord, the meek and lowly Nazarene, had almost finished the work for which He came into the world, and was contemplating the will of His Father in the perfection of the plan of salvation through the agencies of the cross, in order that none should be lost through ignorance of the truth, He made it incumbent upon us as legates under, and executors of His last will and testament to carry the bread of life—the light of divine truth, to every hungry soul, to every benighted creature. If in obedience to this injunction, we conceive it to be our duty to labor for the salvation of those around us, who have the will of God made manifest as a lamp to their feet and a light to their path—through this life to the life to come, how much greater must be our obligations to carry the "gospel of peace" to those who but for us must be deprived of christian example, precept and communion, and who ignorant of "the true light that lighteth every man" will continue to follow the *ignis fatuus* of idolatry over the dark intense of everlasting spiritual ruin. In avoiding or neglecting this obligation, are we not self-condemned for base ingratitude, and do we not incur a terrible responsibility?

Can we be the light of the world, a city set upon a hill, with our influence for good confined to special favored localities, or impaired by the spirit of selfishness? God in approbation of our work of evangelization has already removed the greater barriers to a spiritual conquest, and now bids us go in and reclaim the blind led captive by heathenish worship and superstitious practices. Let us then not relax our energies, but do all in our power to encourage and promote the crusade of the Holy Spirit, "until every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God forever."

JAMES CROOK, Chairman.

On motion Bro. Wilkes, the above report was amended by a unanimous vote endorsing the request of the Foreign Mission

Board, that the pastors and churches give their especial attention in preaching and prayer for contributions to the subject of Missions at their meeting in October.

Elder Renfroe read a letter from Rushing Spring Association (Col'd) praying such assistance from the ministry of this Association in the instruction of colored preachers as could be rendered without interfering with pastoral duties. The ministers of this Association were appointed a Committee to respond to the letter of which brother Wilkes was Chairman.

Called for report on Sunday-schools—deferred until 10 A. M., Monday, which was set apart to consider Sunday-school question in connection with Domestic Mission Board.

Called for report Trustees Indigent Ministers Fund—submitted by brother Headen, and after remarks by Smyth, Henderson, Watson, Jenkins, Collins, Renfroe, and Headen, was adopted as follows:

The-Trustees for next year are W. R. Stone, Jas. Headen, I. B. Merriam, Thos. W. Curry, and W. A. Welch.

## REPORT TRUSTEES INDIGENT MINISTERS FUND.

Four years ago, the Coosa River Baptist Association resolved to raise a fund of twenty-five hundred dollars, (2,500) the interest of which should be devoted to the relief of aged and indigent ministers of the gospel, who had given their lives and manhood to the cause of Christ, as well as the widows and orphans of such as had died in the service. We, therefore, as custodians of this fund, deem it our duty to make such statements of facts and recommendations as may promote this noble enterprise. We have received eight or nine hundred dollars in cash from the Chairman of the Provisional Committee, and have loaned it out at legal interest and in good hands we think. We hope to make a liberal collection at this Association, as the fourth and last installment of the original subscription is due at this time, and pretty much all that was subscribed in 1878. We, therefore urge our brethren most earnestly to pay up their subscriptions, and thereby enable us to benefit some widows and orphan children of deceased ministers. What interest accrued during the last associational year has been equally divided between the families of our two departed brethren, McCain and Bullington. We hope to do still more next year.

Owing to many causes there will be a considerable amount of the subscription unpaid. We, therefore, appeal to every liberal Christian and philanthropist to aid us in making up this deficit, for we feel assured that we can make no investment of our means that would be more pleasing to our Heavenly Father, than to provide for his faithful ministers who have exhausted their manhood

in his cause. And in conclusion we ask those, whether ministers or laymen, who are lukewarm on this subject, to give us at least the benefit of their silence, while we are engaged in alleviating the pinching poverty of age as well as offering to helpless widowhood and orphanage some substantial evidence of christian sympathy.

The article annexed was passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, Owing to deaths and removals, as well as other causes, there will be a considerable amount of the money subscribed to the Indigent Ministers Fund which will likely not be collected; therefore, we appeal to the christian benevolence and sympathy of the members of this body to make up the deficit by means of two annual installments: 1st falling due at the next session of the Association, and the 2nd twelve months thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. STONE, PRESIDENT.

The report of the Committee on Family Religion was submitted, read by Dr. Henderson (Bro. Jenkins in Chair) at Bro. Headen's request and adopted without discussion.

### FAMILY RELIGION.

In approaching this subject, your Committee are impressed no less by its magnitude than by the fact that it has been often and elaborately discussed, and therefore what we say will be made up in part of the thoughts and matter of others.

The Family Constitution emanated directly from God; and therefore has precedence of all other governments known to man. Purity and strength here, impart purity and strength to our whole social and civil structure—as corruption and decay here communicate the fatal infection to every interest alike of church and State. Hence we are commanded to honor and obey our parents “in the Lord,” and God has made it the imperative duty of parents to exercise and maintain a judicious discipline over those whom He has committed to their care. We are instructed in God's word to train up our children in the way they should go, so that when they are old they will not depart from it. This should stimulate and urge parents to be exceedingly careful how they demean themselves before their families, both as regards precept and example.

Not only so—they should read and explain the Scriptures to them at a very early age, and pray with and for them at the family altar. We cannot begin this work of religious instruction too early; for, begin as soon as we may, we shall find that another instructor has preceded us, who has already sown the seeds of sin and death so thoroughly as to call out our utmost efforts with the blessing of God to extirpate them. Early impressions are most lasting, and it is in the family and around the family altar that these impressions are most thoroughly fixed upon the heart. The early age at which children arrive at the period of accountability, give to these views an importance which cannot be overestimated. For just so soon as they are accountable, so soon are they capable of exercising repentance toward God, since there can be no intermediate space between their accountability to God and their capability of trusting in Jesus.

It is a most striking and painful fact that the last years of the Jewish com-

monwealth were marked by a total corruption and perversion of the family institution. This is indicated by the mission of the Harbinger of Jesus, as detailed by Malachi: "He shall turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers to their children, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. When the very fountain of influence and power becomes corrupt, how soon it diffuses itself through the whole system!

Second only to the domestic circle to impart religious instruction, is that of the Sabbath-schools. Therefore, we regard it of the highest importance that parents should afford their children every opportunity to attend these schools. We concur with our State Evangelist that it is infinitely better to say to our children, "come let us go to the Sunday-school," than to simply command them to go. Our example would stimulate them and the whole school to study the sacred oracles. In a word, the Sunday-school presents a sphere of usefulness in which every member may be an efficient laborer.

Respectfully Presented,

JAMES HEADEN, Chm.

Called for report on Home Missions—deferred until 10 A. M., Monday, to be considered in conjunction with Sabbath-school question.

On motion Bro. Wilkes, adjourned to meet at 1 P. M.—prayer by brother Kidd.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association met at the hour appointed—Religious Exercises conducted by Moderator—prayer by brother Tichenor.

On motion brother Symth, a Committee was selected to nominate a *Central Point and Committee* for this Association; Committee, brethren Symth, J. Y. Henderson and W. C. Mynatt.

The Committee appointed, reported the following as the Central Centennial Committee for this Association: S. Henderson, Chairman, James Mallory, W. A. Welch, John Sawyer, and Jas. E. Welch, located at Alpine, Ala.

On motion brother Williams, a Committee of three consisting of brethren Wilkes, Henderson and Crook was appointed to draft constitution, Rules of Decorum and Confession of Faith for this Association, with request to report before adjournment present session. A similar Committee was appointed last Association in accordance with a resolution introduced by brother Williams; but through negligence or an oversight on the part of the Clerk, the resolution was misplaced and failed to appear in the minutes.

The Committee appointed in pursuance of resolution, through Dr. Henderson (member of State Centennial Committee and Chairman Central Associational Committee) submitted the following succinct, preamble and celebrated series of resolutions, detailing programme for that work within the confines of this Association for the ensuing year, which after interesting and instructive speeches by himself, Collins, Lawler, Tichenor and Renfro, and amendment, were passed unanimously. It is as follows:

**WHEREAS**, The Centenary of our national independence is to be observed the approaching year.

**AND WHEREAS**, Our religious, no less than our civil liberty, demands our most devout gratitude to God as well as a most grateful recognition of the efforts of our fathers in this respect.

**AND WHEREAS**, The Constitution of the United States was the first instrument of the kind that ever embodied the principle of "soul liberty" as an inalienable right.

**AND WHEREAS**, The Baptist denomination as such was mainly instrumental in securing the incorporation of this principle into that organic law.

**AND WHEREAS**, History has awarded to our said denomination the distinction of being the first to enunciate and maintain this noble feature of American liberty, by declaring, that "Freedom and conscience, unlimited freedom of mind, was from the first the trophy of the Baptists;" (Bancroft's History of the U. S.—Vol. 2, pages 86-87,) therefore,

*1 Resolved*, That We, as Baptists of Alabama esteem it no less a patriotic than a christian duty and privilege, in common with the Baptist denomination throughout the U. S. to observe the approaching Centenary in a manner becoming alike to our patriotism and christianity.

*2 Resolved*, That the honorable record of our Baptist fathers in the "times that tried men's souls," deserves to be commemorated by us, their descendants in a manner not unworthy of their mighty deeds, and as will show to our posterity that we have placed some adequate estimate upon the priceless boon of "soul liberty."

*3 Resolved*, That said Centenary presents a grand opportunity for us to erect an enduring monument to the patriotism, intelligence and piety of our ancestry, who had "understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do."

*4 Resolved*, That an adequate endowment of "Howard College," an institution dear to all our hearts, and which offers the advantages of a thorough education to the youth of our country, and especially to young men preparing for the ministry, presents an object broad, far reaching and enduring and therefore eminently worthy of being selected as the object to receive our benefactions, and as the monument to the memory of our noble dead.

*5 Resolved*, That it is alike practicable and expedient for the Baptists of Alabama to contribute to this Centenary fund as much as *one dollar* each, or an amount equivalent to *one dollar* for each member, and that we as an Association agree to do what we can to raise our *pro rata* share of this amount.

6 *Resolved*, That a Centenary Committee consisting of one from each church in our body with a working quorum of five members at (Alpine, the place selected) be appointed at this meeting to take charge of this matter, and that they be authorized to adopt such measures and employ such agencies as will prosecute this work to a successful issue, by a thorough canvass of every church in this Association.

7 *Resolved*, That the appointment of mass-meetings at convenient points in the bounds of our Association, at an early day to be addressed on those great historical facts which bear upon our religious liberty, would greatly tend to promote this cherished object.

8 *Resolved*, That as 4th of July, 1878, is a day set apart by our people to celebrate our Centenary we as Baptists feel it our duty to observe that day principally in its religious aspects for liberty of conscience, and that our Centenary Committee be empowered to select some central point in the bounds of our Association, for a grand Baptist gathering on that day and that EX-GOVERNOR THOMAS H. WATTS, of Montgomery, CAPT. JAMES CROOK, of Jacksonville, and JAMES E. WELCH, of Alpine, and such others as the Committee may see proper to invite, be requested to address the meeting, and that the public at large be cordially invited to attend.

The Committee on petition from Mt. Sharon Church reported through brother Williams: "We, your Committee to whom this matter was referred beg leave to suggest the appointment of a Committee to examine into the status of Mt. Sharon Church; with request, this Association direct that church to state the facts upon which their petition for membership is based and upon application, by the Committee appointed, to furnish documents or information regarding that standard of the church in question, and that said Committee be directed to report thereon at the next meeting of the Association." The discussion ensuing was suppressed at the outset by the statement, intrinsic difficulties precluded the propriety of a speedy reception. The report was adopted, whereupon the Chair appointed the following, as the Committee: D. B. Oden, Chairman, K. J. Thomas, G. S. Ham, B. M. Fluker, and Hugh Darby, Jr.

The report Committee on Education was read by the Chairman, Prof. Goodhue, and after remarks by brother Hudson, adopted.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education respectfully report:

In our judgment the Association cannot well overestimate the importance of the work of education. We think too, it is, with great propriety, one of the

objects sought to be fostered by this body. Man honors and glorifies God only as he does His will, and executes his designs. The fact that man is, by nature, endowed with capabilities, susceptible of almost indefinite cultivation and expansion, indicates clearly the design of their creator in regard to the cultivation of those powers. And as the work he is called upon to perform in the service of his Master requires for its accomplishment, the exertion of those capabilities strengthened and improved to their highest state of perfection, it seems plain that he will be held accountable for failure to cultivate and develop to the highest degree practicable the powers and faculties which have been given him.

The neglect on the part of parents and guardians, to whose care and control, the child is committed during the development period of its existence, to educate and discipline his mental faculties, and to cultivate his moral and religious nature, can be nothing less than sinful.

But the means and facilities necessary to the most rapid and successful development of the faculties of the young, being beyond the reach of individuals, and being attainable by the friends of education only in associated capacity, the practical question for the Association to consider, is, what duties devolve upon it as an Association in regard to the education of the young. Your Committee is of opinion the Association ought to use all its influence to advance the cause of education in general. That it ought to contribute, under proper restriction liberally of its means, for the education of those who give evidence of a Divine call to the ministry and have not the means of educating themselves. That it ought to contribute liberally of its means, for the establishment, endowment and equipment with all necessary facilities such institutions of learning as are necessary to qualify the young of both sexes, to become intelligent and efficient laborers in their appropriate spheres, in the vineyard of the Lord. To prepare those who are to be watchmen upon the walls of Zion, successfully to repel the insidious attacks and violent assaults of its enemies. To prepare those who are to be heralds of the cross, to proclaim with clearness force and power, yet in humble reliance upon Him, whose alone it is to give the increase, the truth as it is in Christ Jesus to a world dead in trespasses and sins.

Your Committee witness with pleasure and pride a disposition on the part of Christians all over our land to express their gratitude to God for His signal mercies during a century whose anniversary is about to be celebrated, by a vigorous effort to provide increased facilities for the education of the young, as a means of promoting the honor and glory of God's great name.

Your Committee think it not amiss in this connection to congratulate the denomination upon the existence, within the State, of denominational schools which are doing a noble work in the cause of education, such as the Howard College, The Judson Female Institute, the Central Baptist Female College, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. GOODHUE, Chm.

On motion, special order was suspended to hear from Bro. Lyon, who in an impressive talk presented the claims of the



"Alabama Baptist," and liberty was granted him to circulate through the congregation for the purpose of securing subscribers; also, remarks on the same subject by brethren Collins, Renfro, Symth and Bailey.

On motion, adjourned to convene at 9 A. M., Monday—prayer by Dr. Tichenor.

#### SATURDAY 8 P. M.

The Rev. J. A. Collins delivered an interesting discourse at Maj. Sawyer's dwelling in Plantersville, from 2 Cor. 3 chapter, 7 verse—Theme, *The ministration of the Spirit*.

#### SUNDAY, 9 A. M.

Interesting addresses by brethren Faulkner, of Montgomery, and Watson, of Randolph; the former enforcing the institution of Temperance societies, the latter the necessity of Sunday-schools in churches, etc.

#### 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

An able sermon by Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, of Auburn, Ala., from 1st Epistle John, 5 chapter, 3 verse—"And his commandments are not grievous."

#### 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Rev. N. A. Bailey, pastor of the Talladega Baptist Church, preached with great acceptableness from the 72 Ps., 19 verse—"And blessed be his glorious name forever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory."

#### 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

At the M. E. Church, in Plantersville, the Rev. W. C. Myratt, preached with his accustomed ability. Text 3 Ps., 8 verse—"Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people."

Here, also, is inserted the fact, Dr. Tichenor, preached at 2 P. M., Monday, after adjournment, with his characteristic power—Theme, *the Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ*.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

In pursuance of adjournment the Association met at the hour appointed, was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing a hymn and prayer by Rev. W. C. Mynatt, proceeded to business in regular order.

On motion brother Williams, the report of the Committee on Constitution, etc., consisting of brethren W. Wilkes, Chairman, S. Henderson and Jas. Crook, was deferred to allow time for the preparation of the necessary articles, etc., with positive instructions to report at the next session of the Association.

The hour having arrived, according to postponement, for consideration of the interests and claims of the Sunday-school and Domestic Mission Board, conjointly, brother Jas. E. Welch, Chairman, Committee on Sunday-schools submitted report which after remarks by himself, Collins, Henderson, (brother Kidd in chair) was adopted.

On motion brother Williams, after remarks by brother Taul, the Moderator was requested to prepare and furnish the Clerk for insertion in the minutes, a paper on Domestic Missions. The report on Sunday-schools and Paper prepared by the Moderator appear in succession.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-schools beg leave to report, that in the absence of proper statistical matter, they can do nothing more than offer their individual ideas on this subject. The fact that we have a distinct organization on this subject is a matter of encouragement and hope. Through this organization a representative of this interest has been placed in the field and we are pleased to report that wherever he goes, he arouses a lively, deep and dignified interest in behalf of Sunday-schools. As far as your Committee can ascertain the Sunday-school interest is being placed on a higher, firmer and broader footing than has heretofore marked its history in our churches. The sober minded and aged have begun to lead in this matter. They reach forth the trembling and palsied hand and say to the timid child "we will join you in this labor, for Christ calls all those who follow him," whether of tender years or past three score and ten, his children; yes, all children in the sense that we can do nothing of ourselves to discover that light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. We have noticed the benefits of the Sunday-school are not confined simply to its pupils. The interest developed by it, ramify the varied duties and relations of church members. The churches in

which good schools exist are more harmonious and efficient in the discharge of their christian duties; more attentive to the Masters voice, as sheep that know their shepherd. Another noticeable fact and feature in churches where a Sunday-school flourishes, is that it increases the benevolence of that church.

JAS. E. WELCH, Ca'n.

The paper authorized by the Association and prepared by the Moderator is shaped as follows:

*Resolved*, That the cause of Domestic and Indian Missions, as committed to the Board at Marion, is cherished by our Association with unabated interest and that our churches be urged to remember that Board in all their future benefactions.

In order to enable the President of the State Mission Board to know upon what amount of funds that Board might safely rely, from the churches of this body, for the prosecution of its work during the next year, it was,

*Resolved*, That the pastors of this Association be requested to present the claims of that Board to the various churches, secure money or good subscriptions and report definitely by the 1st January proximo.

The report Committee on Finance was submitted, read by brother Williams and on motion adopted:

### REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	INDIAN MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	STATE MISSION BOARD.	MINUTES.	TOTAL.
Cold Water.....						\$ 1 60	\$ 1 60
Sulphur Springs .....					\$ 5 00	8 00	8 00
Antioch.....						1 95	1 95
Salem.....						1 25	1 25
Oxford.....						5 00	5 00
Jacksonville.....						3 50	3 50
Mt. Zion, (Calhoun county)...	\$10 00				10 00	5 00	25 00
Oak Bowery.....						2 00	2 00
Cane Creek.....						2 00	2 00
Munford.....						5 00	5 00
Blue Eye.....						5 00	5 00
Talladega.....						5 00	5 00
Ferryville.....						2 00	2 00
Refuge.....						2 50	2 50
Pleasant Grove.....						2 50	2 50
Alpine.....					9 20	5 00	14 20
Hephzibah.....						4 00	4 00
Fort Williams.....					2 00	5 00	7 00
Tallasahatchie .....						5 00	5 00
Childersburg.....					8 00	2 00	5 00
Mt. Zion, (Talladega co.).....					4 08	3 00	7 08
Rocky Mount.....						2 50	2 50
Shiloh.....						1 00	1 00
Big Spring.....				\$2 40	10 00	4 50	16 90
Spring Creek.....				3 75		2 00	5 75
Macedonia.....				2 80		2 55	5 35
Coosa Valley.....						2 00	2 00
Jenkins Fund.....	\$50 00						50 00
Public Collection.....		41 50		41 50			83 00
	\$50 00	\$51 50		\$50 45	\$43 28	\$85 85	\$281 08

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the churches for minutes.....	\$ 85 85
Received from the churches for Domestic Mission Board, Marion.....	10 00
Received from the churches for Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.....	8 95
Received from the churches for State Mission Board, Talladega.....	43 23
Public collection for Domestic Mission Board, Marion.....	41 50
Public collection for Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.....	41 50
Jenkins Fund—Associational Missions.....	50 00

\$281 08

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ABNER WILLIAMS,  
JNO. M. CROOK,  
D. B. ODEN.

Committee.

The report of the ministers of this Association in response to the petition from the Rushing Spring Association was submitted by brother Wilkes and on motion adopted. The Clerk of this Association was directed to furnish the Rushing Spring Association a copy of the report. The report as adopted is as follows:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the letter from our colored brethren of the Rushing Spring Association, asking our instruction on theological and church matters beg leave to report: The letter is worthy of our respectful attention; characterized, as it is, by a spirit of christian meekness and a desire for knowledge. We profoundly sympathize with our colored brethren, and more especially with their ministry, in their great need of religious instruction. And no people are more sincerely willing to relieve this need than we are to the extent of our ability and opportunity. We can but express pleasure in seeing our colored brethren returning to their former state of amity towards their best friends, from whom they have, for some years, been alienated by bad influence. Most gladly would we suggest some definite plan for a practical response to these brethren, did we know what to recommend. All we are prepared to do now is to give assurance to our brethren, in each community, that the preachers of this Association are ready to give such private instruction on Sabbath evenings as may be sought of us at our respective churches and to furnish books from our libraries, on loan or as presents, to those who can read and so desire to do."

Respectfully Submitted,

W. WILKES, Ch'n.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by brother Cross and on motion adopted; also, continuing same Committee for the ensuing year.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report:

To supply the destitute with the gospel by every rational means in its power is its aim and the work with which this Committee has been entrusted. In the providence of God the gospel has been preached—with success, we trust, commensurate with means employed—at the following points and stations during the past associational year: Rock Creek Station, 8 miles West of Oxford, was supplied by brother Wm. S. Griffin; he reports thirteen days labor with good success; congregations large and attentive, during a meeting of four days duration a deep interest was manifested in religion and numbers were made to ask, what shall we do to be saved? The Station East of the B. R., between Oxford and Jacksonville, was occupied by brother T. P. Gwin. He reports fifteen days incessant labor, large congregations, and that during a protracted meeting of six days an abiding interest was shown in the fact several professed to have found Jesus precious to their souls. Brother S. G. Jenkins supplied three different stations; one, a public church 5 or 6 miles S. E. of Munford, with twenty-three accessions; another, a weakly church 8 miles S. E. of Oxford, then only ten members, now numbering twenty-four, also at the urgent request of its membership, a colored church near Oxford with fifteen additions and is con-

fidest great good was accomplished. He reports altogether, 26 days labor and 48 accessions. He also aided Munford church to supplement pastors salary to the amount of \$25 00; Shiloh \$20 00—Total \$45 00. To brother E. T. Smyth at the former and brother W. W. Kidd at the latter—8 miles West of Alpine and in a condition extremely feeble.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. R. CROSS, Ch'n.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was submitted by brother Cross and on motion adopted as follows:

C. R. Cross, in account with Executive Committee.	
To balance on hand, Sept 21st, 1874.....	\$214 60
Oct., 1874—Recvd. of Graves Renfro, Clerk of the Association.....	91 40
Total.....	\$306 00
September, 1875, by cash paid W. S. Griffin of 18 days services as Missionary at \$2 per diem.....	\$ 26 00
September, 1875, by cash paid T. P. Gwin for 15 days services in same capacity \$2.....	30 00
February, 1875, by cash paid E. T. Smyth, as supplement for salary, Munford church.....	25 00
September, 1875, by cash paid W. W. Kidd, as supplement of salary, Shiloh church.....	20 00
September, 1875, by cash paid S. G. Jenkins for 26 days labor as Mis- sionary at \$2 per diem.....	52 00
Total.....	\$153 00
September 20th, 1875, balance on hand.....	\$153 00

Respectfully Submitted,

C. R. CROSS, TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was submitted by brother Cross, in absense of the Treasurer because of sickness, and adopted.

On motion brother Thomas F. Elliott was appointed sub Treasurer and requested to convey the funds to the Treasurer. (The Clerk takes occasion here to say the receipts from the different sources will be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to show, the sums contributed by the Association are properly applied. This will obviate the necessity of a report and remove any doubts which may exist in regard to the proper disposal of funds.)

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

1875, J. K. ELLIOTT, to the Coosa River Baptist Association,	Dr.
September 18th—To cash received from Finance Committee for minutes.	\$ 83 50
For Associational Missions.....	91 40
For Domestic Missions.....	18 75
For Indian Missions.....	14 85
For Foreign Missions.....	10 00

For Sunday-school.....	5 00
A public collection for Indian Missions.....	31 55
A public collection for Foreign Missions.....	22 50
A public collection for Sunday-school Board.....	22 00

\$299 55

By cash paid to Graves Renfro, Clerk of the Association, to be applied  
to the various objects fostered by the Association, as per voucher,

No. 1.....\$299 55

J. K. ELLIOTT, Treas.

The Modertor has submitted the following Committees to report at next meeting :

*Foreign Missions*—E. T. Smyth, A. Williams, S. G. Jenkins.

*Domestic Missions*—W. W. Kidd, Jabez Fluker, E. V. Caldwell.

*Family Religion*—Jas. Crook, Ed. J. Dean, W. C. Mynatt.

*Education*—W. Wilkes, D. B. Oden, Hugh Darby, Jr.

In accordance with programme the following was designated the *General Centennial Committee* of this Association, consisting of one member from each church. It was selected by the members present from the churches :

#### ALPINE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

S. Henderson, Jas. Mallory, Jno. Sawyer, J. E. Welch, W. A. Welch.	
Coldwater—A. B. Hill.	Refuge—E. M. Gray.
Sulphur Springs—Gordon Mynatt.	Pleasant Grove—E. H. Ogletree.
Antioch—E. Adderholt.	Hephzibah—C. R. Cross.
Salem—Jno. B. Mynatt.	Fort Williams—G. S. Ham.
Oxford—A. Williams.	Tallahatchie—S. B. Glazener.
Jacksonville—Seth Smyly.	Childersburg—D. B. Oden.
Mt. Zion, (Calhoun co.) J. M. Crook.	Mt. Zion, (Talladega co.) B. M. Fluker.
Oak Bowrey—E. V. Weaver.	Shiloh—Jno. S. Roberts.
Cane Creek—T. Clemens.	Big Spring—T. J. Martin.
Munford—A. W. McCain.	Spring Creek—O. F. Elliott.
Blue Eye—Lealis Law	Macedonia—A. M. Posey.
Talladega—W. R. Stone.	Coosa Valley—P. Castlebury.
Ferryville—J. D. Truss.	Rocky Mount—John Barnett.

On motion brother Williams, the Clerk was allowed twelve dollars for his services and was then directed to make the best arrangement possible with the funds at his command for printing and distributing the minutes.

Also, on motion brother Williams, the Association tendered its grateful acknowledgments to the brethren and sisters, and citizens generally, of Alpine and vicinity, for hospitality extended members of the body during its session, also, to the Methodist brethren at Plantersville for the use of their house of worship.

On motion brother Wilkes, the next annual meeting of the Association will be held with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at Syllacogga, Talladega county, Ala., on Friday, before the third Sabbath in September, 1876. The Rev. Wm. C. Mynatt, is appointed to preach the annual sermon, the Rev. T. P. Gwin, alternate.

The few minutes intervening before arrival of time for adjournment was consumed in a touching speech from the Moderator, and singing the old song beginning, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the lord," during which the parting hand of fellowship was extended, and then a fervent prayer from brother Collins, at the conclusion of which the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

S. HENDERSON, MODERATOR.

GRAVES RENFROE, Clerk.



## MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

J. M. Scott, Haversville.	E. T. Smyth, Oxford.
W. W. Kidd, "	T. P. Gwin, "
T. M. Mondin, "	Paul Castlebury, Cropwell.
W. C. Mynatt, Eastaboga.	Isaiah Holmes, "
Gordon Mynatt, "	W. F. McCain, "
J. B. Mynatt, "	S. G. Jenkins, Silver Run.
Elijah Martin, Sulphur Springs.	R. M. Perry, Ferryville.
Samuel Henderson, Alpine.	J. J. D. Renfro, Talladega.
W. Wilkes, Fayetteville.	N. A. Bailey, "
D. P. Williams, "	F. Freeman, "

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## LICENTIATES.

Wm. Nall, Ala Furnace.	Jno. Griffin, Ferryville.
W. T. Huguley, Oxford.	Joel Miller, Alexandria.
J. T. Comber, "	W. S. Griffin, "
W. A. J. Nelson, Ferryville.	

**NOTE**—The pastors and church Clerks will please oblige by stating in Church Letters the pastor's name and postoffices as well as that of any Baptist ministers or Licentiates resident within the membership and domain of each church; also the churches are urged to make out correct statistics of the Sunday-schools and report to next meeting of the Association.

**N. B.**—This session of the Association appointed a special Committee, with positive instructions, to draft Constitution, Rules of Order, Confession of Faith, etc. and report next Association. This will consume considerable space in the minutes and necessitate a more liberal contribution for minutes. The churches are requested to take notice of this fact and send up a liberal contribution for minutes at the next session of the Association.

# SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.	Superin'td S. & CHURCH CLERK.	Baptized.....	Rec'd by Letter...	Dis. by Letter....	Excluded.....	Restored.....	Dead.....	Total Memb'rshp	Membership S. S.	Sabbath of Meeting	Foreign Missions	State Miss'n B'rd	Dom. Missions...	Miscellaneous....
Coldwater	Oxford.	S. G. Jenkins	Del. but no letter	Clarkston	8	7	6	1	2	129	8					
Antioch	Supbur Spring	Gordon Mynatt		J. Y. Henderson	8	7	6	1	1	142						
Salom.	Silver Run.	S. G. Jenkins		J. L. Hendrick	8	7	6	1	1	174						
Oxford.	Eastabogs	W. C. Mynatt		E. B. Mynatt	15	6	3	3	3	50						
Jacksonville.	Oxford.	E. T. Smyth		A. Williams	11	6	14	3	1	179	125		\$4 00	\$38 10	\$21 00	
Mt. Zion (Cal)	Jacksonville.	J. C. Wright		S. E. Smyth	11	6	14	3	1	159						
Oak Grove	Alexandria	S. Henderson		D. F. Weaver	11	12	15	1	2	107	150			8 00	5 00	
Cane Creek	Cane Creek	W. C. Mynatt		Ellis Stephens	7	9	5	1	3	79						
Munford.	Munford.	W. C. Mynatt		G. W. Lloyd	60	8	4	2	1	102						
Blue Eye	Munford.	E. T. Smyth		J. T. Jones	4	1	1	1	2	74						
Talladega	Eastabogs	Gordon Mynatt		A. W. Bell	4	4	1	1	3	135	125					
Ferryville	Talladega	N. A. Bailey		G. A. John	4	6	7	2	1	66						
Refuge	Ferryville	R. M. Perry		J. D. Truss	8	6	4	2	1	100						
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln	Gordon Mynatt		J. A. Hall	8	10	6	4	1	74						
Hephzibah.	Talladega	T. P. Gwin		J. W. Opstree	2	6	6	1	1	84	58		25 00	20 55	25 00	\$117 60
Ft. Williams.	Alpine.	S. Henderson		J. E. Welch	13	6	18	1	2	149						
Tallasatchie.	Fayetteville.	E. T. Smyth		J. E. Glazener	14	11	4	4	3	87						
Childersburg	Childersburg	W. Wilkes		K. G. Thomas	6	12	7	6	6	69				5 00		
Mt. Zion (Tall)	Sylacoega	W. W. Kidd		H. W. Darby	1	1	2	1	1	28						
Reedy Mount.	Sylacoega	N. A. Bailey		T. W. Barnett	1	1	1	1	1	28						
Shiloh.	Alpine	W. W. Kidd		Marion Rod	1	1	1	1	1	28						
Big Spring.	Harpersville	N. A. Bailey		T. J. Martin	1	1	1	1	1	28						
Spring Creek.	Harpersville	W. W. Kidd		L. E. W. Lewis	1	1	1	1	1	28						
Macdonia.	Kelly's Creek.	W. W. Kidd		J. B. Davis	1	1	1	1	1	28						
Cocoa Valley.	Cropwell.	W. W. Kidd & Castlebury		R. D. Willingham.	184	114	136	36	9	2393			\$3 40	\$71 65	\$38 00	\$117 60

NOTE.—This Table does not include the funds enumerated in Finance Report; a separate table cannot appear, because but few of the church letters state the amount of money sent directly to the different Boards.—CHAS.

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